research with a view to prepare a set of recommendations for submission to the Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

FDI in higher education

767. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers, set up to give recommendations on Foreign Direct Investment in higher education has recommended 50 per cent FDI in higher education and has suggested that only well-recognized and established universities both from the country and abroad should be allowed to set-up campuses in the country; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision for introducing amendments to be incorporated in the University Grants Commission Act in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government permits Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% on the automatic route in the education sector. A legislative proposal on entry and operations of foreign educational institutions in the country is under consideration of the Government. Amendment of the University Grants Commission Act, is not contemplated, for this purpose.

Stopping of ragging

768 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been unable to stop ragging completely in all the colleges and institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether inspite of Government's recent action to stop ragging, incidents like eve-teasing are increasing in colleges; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Eradication of menace of ragging is an ongoing effort. A publicity campaign for ragging free campuses has been launched by the Central Government. State Governments have been requested to step up vigil in regard to incidents of ragging. A Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court also monitors the implementation of directions of the Apex Court in this regard.